are imposed till rehabilitation work is carried out. Frequency of inspections of distressed bridges is increased as laid down in codes and manuals.

Sabotage as cause of Rajdhani accident

2503. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a goods train passed safely over the rail bridge over Dhaba river, just 40 minutes before 2301 Up Rajdhani Express met with the accident;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial, improving railway safety, published in the Tribune, Chandigarh,dated 14th September, 2002; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. 7303 Up goods train passed Rafiganj at 21.55 hours and 2301 Up Rajdhani Express passed Rafiganj at 22.40 hours.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The inquiry into the accident was conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety Eastern Circle.and he has submitted his Final Report. Major issues mentioned in the editorial of the newspaper has been covered in the report. The Commissioner has attributed the derailment to "opening of fish plates and elastic rail clips of the cess side single rail in Howrah end approach of Bridge No. 445 by miscreants," and has classified the accident under the category of "Sabotage."

Encouraging bio-generic drugs

2504. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even as global pharma majors are struggling to bring out new drugs at a faster pace due to lack of product